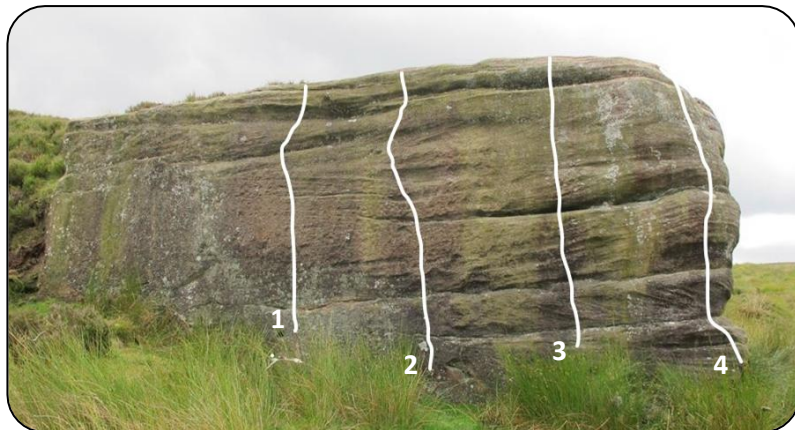


Aked's Clough

Aked's Clough is a lone boulder at the site of an abandoned dam that was once used to impound water for a nearby flax mill. The climbing is limited to a handful of problems but they are good quality (almost) without exception and the venue gives a great evening session, especially since the crag is a flat 15 minute walk from the road. There is potential for more climbs here on the right hand side of the crag for the keen explorer. All problems climbed in March 2015, by Will Hunt unless otherwise stated.

Conditions: The crag doesn't take any drainage and dries relatively quickly but for the best conditions in winter allow one dry day before climbing. The rock on the west facing side is generally clean but scrittly, the rock on the north face was slightly dirty on first acquaintance but has brushed up very well and is bullet hard.

Parking and approach info: From the A59 at Blubberhouses, take the road that runs up the west side of Thruscross reservoir towards West End. 450m on from the oddly shaped outdoor centre, park in a very generous lay-by on the left, opposite a farmhouse. From the lay-by take the track, continuing straight on through a gate where the track bears off to the right. Through the gate, follow the wall on the right along a rough bridleway until you come to a stream. Follow the watercourse upstream (staying high above it to avoid wet feet!), passing a wall. The Clough is immediately over the breached dam.



1\ Stick it to the Dam F6C **

Use the fiddly crimps to pull up (no French starts allowed!) to the sloper. From here, gaining the top is no giveaway.

2\ Flax Wall F6A **

SDS. The wall on crimps, slopers and a pseudo pocket is one of the best here.

3\ Dambusters F5+ **

SDS. The wall between the two breaks could be done static but that wouldn't be any fun would it?

4\ Mink Life F6A *

SDS. The obvious bulging arête via a long reach.

5\ Crackling Psyche F6B *

SDS. The obvious runnel by a wild slap to gain the top. Desperate!

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6\ The Twilight Saga F6B+ **

SDS. Slap through the tough start to the break and use a thin crimp above this to gain the top. The best problem on the west wall?

7\ Here Hare Here F6B *

SDS. Start on the left side of the low cave, joining the previous problem at the thin crimp to top out slightly left.

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8\ Scrubbers F6A+ *

SDS. Starting at the right side of the cave, more adventures in slapping gain a typically slopey top.

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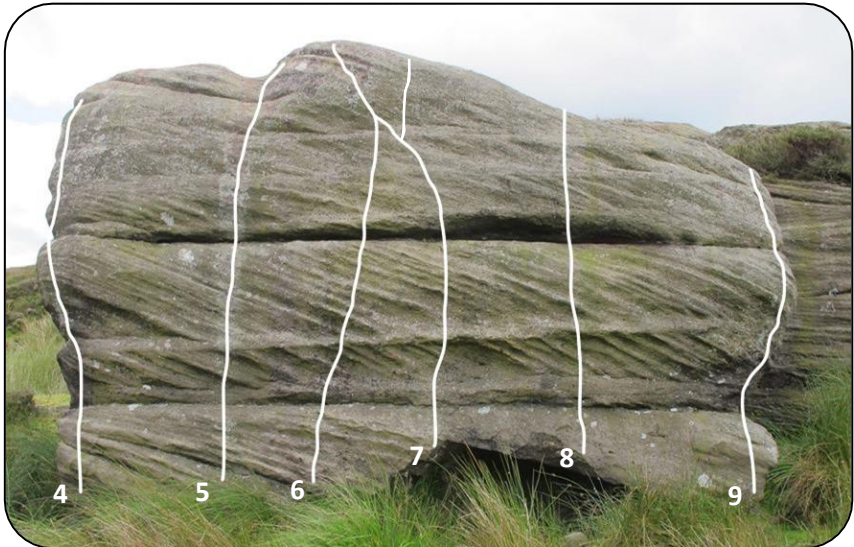
9\ Stoat Liberation Front F6B *

The extremely slopey, extremely gritty right arête can be overcome by a very long reach.

10\ Crud Wall F5+

The one-mover immediately right is the only climb here not worth doing.

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10\ Rock and Rodent F6a **

Traverse the break across the West Wall and round to where it ends at Flax Wall. Finish up this.

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There are a few warm-up-down problems on the right block – short but on good rock

1/ Slab Rat F4

The slab

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2/ Lab Rat F4 *

The rib with a side-pull hole
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3/ Irrational F5 *

Wall just right

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4/ Karate Kid F3

Slight featured rib

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